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<b>Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

The amendment document filed on 04 June 2007 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121 or 1.4. In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following item(s) is required.

**THE FOLLOWING MARKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:**

- 1. Amendments to the specification:
  - A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.
  - B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined.
  - C. Other \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2. Abstract:
  - A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.
  - B. Other \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3. Amendments to the drawings:
  - A. The drawings are not properly identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet," "New Sheet," or "Annotated Sheet" as required by 37 CFR 1.121(d).
  - B. The practice of submitting proposed drawing correction has been eliminated. Replacement drawings showing amended figures, without markings, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 are required.
  - C. Other \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4. Amendments to the claims:
  - A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.
  - B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims).
  - C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. Note: the status of every claim must be indicated after its claim number by using one of the following status identifiers: (Original), (Currently amended), (Cancelled), (Previously presented), (New), (Not entered), (Withdrawn) and (Withdrawn-currently amended).
  - D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.
  - E. Other: See Continuation Sheet.
- 5. Other (e.g., the amendment is unsigned or not signed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.4):

For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP § 714.

**TIME PERIODS FOR FILING A REPLY TO THIS NOTICE:**

1. Applicant is given **no new time period** if the non-compliant amendment is an after-final amendment or an amendment filed after allowance. If applicant wishes to resubmit the non-compliant after-final amendment with corrections, the **entire corrected amendment** must be resubmitted.
2. Applicant is given **one month**, or thirty (30) days, whichever is longer, from the mail date of this notice to supply the correction, if the non-compliant amendment is one of the following: a preliminary amendment, a non-final amendment (including a submission for a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114), a supplemental amendment filed within a suspension period under 37 CFR 1.103(a) or (c), and an amendment filed in response to a Quayle action. If any of above boxes 1. to 4. are checked, the correction required is only the **corrected section** of the non-compliant amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121.

**Extensions of time** are available under 37 CFR 1.136(a) only if the non-compliant amendment is a non-final amendment or an amendment filed in response to a Quayle action.

**Failure to timely respond** to this notice will result in:

**Abandonment** of the application if the non-compliant amendment is a non-final amendment or an amendment filed in response to a Quayle action; or

**Non-entry** of the amendment if the non-compliant amendment is a preliminary amendment or supplemental amendment.



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1. The reply filed on 6/4/07 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

Claims 1-13, 25, 26, 38, 39, have been previously withdrawn from consideration  
(12/5/06).

Applicants have added new claims 43-47 and have withdrawn claims 14-19, 22, 24, 27-  
37 and 40-42 from consideration, even though these claims have received a first office action on  
the merits (12/5/06). This withdrawal of previously examined claims is improper because these  
claims are still pending in the instant application. Applicants are required to re-submit the  
amendment with new claims 43-47 and authorizing cancellation of claims 14-19, 22, 24, 27-37  
and 40-42. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*,  
applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this  
notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid  
abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER  
37 CFR 1.136(a).

#### *Advisory Information*

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Prema Mertz whose telephone number is (571) 272-0876. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:00AM to 3:30PM (Eastern time).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Nickol, can be reached on (571) 272-0835.

Official papers filed by fax should be directed to (571) 273-8300. Faxed draft or informal communications with the examiner should be directed to (571) 273-0876.

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Continuation of 4(e) Other: New claims 43-47 have been added in the amendment filed 6/4/07 and previously examined claims 14-19, 22, 24, 27-37 and 40-42 are recited as withdrawn claims. Applicants are required to re-submit the amendment with new claims 43-47 and cancelling claims 14-19, 22, 24, 27-37, 40-42 .